



DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses
SBA Disaster Assistance Area 3 – 14925 Kingsport Road – Ft. Worth, TX 76155

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SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is August 29 *Business owners still have time to apply*

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota counties have until **August 29, 2005** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought that occurred January 1, 2004, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Nebraska:

Adams	Fillmore	Holt	Merrick	Rock
Antelope	Franklin	Howard	Nance	Saline
Blaine	Frontier	Jefferson	Nemaha	Seward
Boone	Furnas	Johnson	Nuckolls	Sherman
Boyd	Gage	Kearney	Pawnee	Thayer
Brown	Garfield	Knox	Phelps	Thomas
Buffalo	Gosper	Lincoln	Pierce	Valley
Cedar	Greeley	Logan	Platte	Webster
Clary	Hall	Loup	Polk	Wheeler
Custer	Hamilton	Madison	Red Willow	York
Dawson	Harland	McPherson	Richardson	

Kansas:

Decatur	Marshall	Norton	Republic	Washington
Jewell	Nemaha	Phillips	Smith	

South Dakota:

Bon Homme	Charles Mix	Yankton
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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.